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THE CITY SHALL DROWN IN BLOOD!
LEONARDI
HANNA

SATELLITE LINK CONFIRMED. PLEASE TRANSMIT CLEARANCE PROTOCOLS...

UPLOADING CLEARANCE PROTOCOLS: O'HARA, MIGUEL. ALCHEMAX IDENTIFICATION CODE #10-13-70...

TRANSMIT VISUAL OF UNIDENTIFIED GEOLOGICAL MASS APPROACHING EARTH...

CLEARANCE PROTOCOLS CONFIRMED. TRANSMITTING QUICK-TIME VISUAL...

HAVE A NICE DAY, MR. O'HARA...

AWRIIIGHT!!!

WE'RE IN, REED. MAN, TYLER STONE'S GONNA HAVE KITTENS WHEN HE DISCOVERS HIS PRIVATE SATELLITE HAS BEEN CO-OPTED!

SHOCK, I'M GOOOOD...

A FINE HACKING JOB, MIGUEL. NOW, IF YOU CAN JUST KEEP THAT SATELLITE ON-LINE LONG ENOUGH--

--WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PINPOINT WHY THAT PLANETOID IS WREAKING SUCH HAVOC--

--WHAT WITH THE POLAR ICE CAPS MELTING AND FLOODING THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE...

NOT TO MENTION WHY THE ATLANTEANS HAVE GONE BALLISTIC AND DECLARED JIHAD.

WHICH REMINDS ME--HOW'S THE SEARCH FOR THE HUMAN TORCH GOING?

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT. COMPUTER--

--TRANSMIT VISUAL OF ALCHEMAX'S UNDERSEA COLONY-- DESIGNATE: NOVA ATLANTEA...

TRANSMITTING QUICK-TIME VISUAL...

OH, SHOCK...

REED, I--I'M SURE SUE AND BEN ARE OKAY. I MEAN, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN THROUGH IT ALL TOGETHER, AND--

I APPRECIATE THE SHOULDER, SPIDER-MAN--

--BUT THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE SURVIVED A GREAT MANY TRAGEDIES OVER THE YEARS.

I HAVE FAITH THAT MY FAMILY WILL SURVIVE THIS ONE, TOO.

I HOPE...

BESIDES, A DESTROYED FANTASTICAR IS ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF THEIR CURRENT STATUS--

--AND I'M AFRAID WE MUST TURN OUR ATTENTION TO OTHER CONCERNS AT THIS JUNCTURE.

POOR GUY. HE'S TRYING NOT TO LET IT SHOW--

--BUT THE SUSPENSE OF NOT KNOWING WHETHER HIS WIFE, BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND BEST FRIEND ARE ALIVE OR DEAD--

--IS REALLY GNAWING AWAY AT HIM DEEP DOWN INSIDE.

GUESS I'D FEEL THE SAME WAY IF THAT WAS MY FAMILY...

HEY, SPEAKING OF "OTHER CONCERNS"-- I OUGHTA SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN DOWNTOWN.

COMPUTER-- TRANSMIT VISUAL OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL...

TRANSMITTING QUICK-TIME VISUAL...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! THE CITY'S FLOODED AGAIN!?!

JENNIFER WAS PROBABLY INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL WHEN THE WAVES HIT. I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN THERE...

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR EVERYBODY'S FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!

HEY! THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT!

GOOD LUCK, SPIDEY, HMNN--

--SENSORS INDICATE A UNIFORM THERMO-DYNAMIC PATTERN MOVING ALONG THE COAST--

--DIRECTLY TOWARDS NUEVA YORK...

BENEATH THE GLITTERING SPIRES OF **UPTOWN**...

...AWAY FROM THE GARISH OPULENCE OF 21ST CENTURY "HIGH SOCIETY" LIES NUEVA YORK'S SEAMY **UNDERBELLY**...

...WHERE THE DIM ACETYLENE GLARE ILLUMINATES A LANDSCAPE CORRODED WITH **GRIT, GRUNGE, GRIME**...

...THE TEXTURES OF A CITY ON THE PERPETUAL VERGE OF **IMPLOSION**--

--**DOWNTOWN.**

AS IF PICKING UP THE PIECES AFTER **ROMAN'S INVASION** WASN'T TOUGH ENOUGH--*

KNEW I SHOULD'VE PAID MORE ATTENTION IN CATECHISM CLASS...

SPLASH

*SEE SPIDER-MAN 2099 #43 & #44-- JAMES & MARK.

--BUT A **FLOOD** OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS?

HOLY SHOCK...!

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ALCHEMAX EMPLOYEES--

--I MEAN, THEY WERE ALCHEMAX EMPLOYEES...

FLOATING UP THERE--THAT'S JIMBO BARTON FROM SANITATION.

BUT HE LIVES ON THE WEST SIDE OF DOWNTOWN...

... EITHER HE CAME TO FATHER JENNIFER'S CHURCH TO MAKE PEACE WITH HIS GODS--

--OR HE WAS DRAGGED ALL THE WAY CROSS-TOWN BY THE UNDERTOW--

--LIKE SO MUCH HUMAN FLOTSAM.

MUST'VE DROWNED INSTANTLY.

THEY ALL DID, FROM THE LOOKS OF IT...

KNOWING FATHER JENNIFER'S UNSWERVING DEVOTION TO THE DOWNTRODDEN MASSES--

--SHE'S PROBABLY INSIDE SERVING SOUP AND BREAD RIGHT NOW.

I ONLY HOPE SHE HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO LEAVE BEFORE THE TIDES HIT.

EVEN WITH MY ENHANCED RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, I CAN ONLY STAY UNDERWATER FOR LIMITED PERIODS OF TIME...

MAN, GABRI'S GONNA GO BALLISTIC IF SHE'S DEAD.

HECK, IF DANA WAS STILL ALIVE--

--JENNY AND I WOULD BE BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW--

GOOD THING I TOOK THE TIME TO MODIFY THESE SLEDS FOR EXTREME-CONDITIONS USE.

WALK

--AND I'D PROBABLY MISS HER, TOO...

UHHNNFF!!!

SHOCKIN' DOORS WON'T BUDGE-- THE CATHEDRAL MUST BE FLOODED!

HOW-EVER...

THIS PUBLIC EYE MAGLEV CYCLE MAY JUST BE MY TICKET INSIDE!

IF IT ISN'T TOO WATER-LOGGED, THAT IS--YES!!!

NOW IF I CAN JUST REV UP ENOUGH VELOCITY--

STAN LEE PRESENTS...

THE WALL-CRAWLER OF THE FUTURE IN:

DROWNING BY INCHES

KERASH

--JACKIE CHAN, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!!!

JENNIFER--!?!

THOUGH THEY RARELY SEE EYE TO EYE, MIGUEL O'HARA HAS THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR JENNIFER D'ANGELO.

FOR AS MUCH AS SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN A **BEACON OF HOPE** IN THIS WORLD OF HOPELESSNESS...

...A RAY OF **PROMISE** SLICING THROUGH THE DARKNESS...

...SO HAS FATHER JENNIFER.

BEN RAAB & TERRY KAVANAGH STORY

BEN RAAB SCRIPT

MIKE MCKONE PENCILS

HARRY CANDELARIO INKS

KEN LOPEZ LETTERS

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AND AS HE CATCHES SIGHT OF HER--SUSPENDED LIFELESS AMONG THE WRECKAGE OF THE MURKY TABERNACLE...

...MIGUEL DOES SOMETHING HE HASN'T DONE IN **YEARS**...

...HE PRAYS.

HER CHEST ISN'T MOVING--NO VISIBLE SIGN OF **RESPIRATION**--

--I'M TOO LATE!

THAT'S RIGHT, WEBHEAD--

--SHE'S DEAD!

ZARK

ARRGGH!!!

THAT ENERGY BLAST! NOT HIM--NOT NOW...

"...NOT THE GOBLIN!"*

SOME HERO YOU TURNED OUT TO BE!

YOU COULD'VE STOPPED THE TIDES--

--COULD'VE PREVENTED THIS CATASTROPHE--

--BUT YOU DIDN'T! YOU LET THIS HAPPEN!

ALL THIS BLOOD AND DEATH IS ON YOUR HANDS, MR. OH-SO-AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

*LAST SEEN IN SPIDER-MAN 2099 #41.--MARK

RUNNING OUT OF OXYGEN...

GOTTA GET TO THE SURFACE--FAST!

AND ONCE I'M FINISHED WITH YOU--

--YOU'LL BE DEAD, TOO!

WHOULF!

AS THE FORCE OF THE GOBLIN'S CHARGE CARRIES THE TWO MEN OUT OF THE CATHEDRAL...

...AND THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL RAGES ON ACROSS DOWNTOWN'S SATURATED STREETS...

...AWAY FROM FATHER JENNIFER...

DEATH BECKONS HER--

...AN UNEXPECTED THIRD PARTY STAKES HIS CLAIM TO THE DYING PRIEST.

--YET THE GIRL *RESISTS* ITS FRIGID EMBRACE.

EX-CELLENT!

SHE WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION OF *CARRION*--

--AND A SUCCULENT *DESSERT* FOR MY *VICTORY* FEAST...

BORNE ALOFT ON HER CAPTOR'S ARMORED WINGS...

KRASH

...JENNIFER IS AIRLIFTED ABOVE THE SEETHING WAVES BELOW...

...AWAY FROM THE FILTHY MIASMA SUBMERGED BENEATH THEM...

...TOWARDS A FATE FAR MORE GRUESOME THAN THE ONE SHE HAS JUST ESCAPED.

THE WAY I SEE IT, THERE ARE *THREE* THINGS PREVENTING ME FROM TAKING OVER DOWNTOWN:

YOU-- HOW THAT WAS POSSIBLE, I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO FATHOM...

SPIDER-MAN-- WHICH IS, OF COURSE, PATENTLY OBVIOUS...

AND THEN THERE'S ALCHEMAX...

NOW, I ALREADY HAVE *YOU*-- SO THAT'S ONE DOWN.

THE GOBLIN IS ABOUT TO *DROWN* THE S-MAN-- SO, THAT'S TWO.

CAN YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS...?

UPTOWN...

THE RISING WATERS PROVE THAT NEITHER WEALTH NOR POWER CAN STEM THE INEVITABLE TIDE OF NATURE...

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE--

...EVEN WITHIN THE HALLS OF THE MIGHTY CONGLOMERATE...

...ALCHEMAX.

--AND NOT A SINGLE DROP OF IT AN EXPLOITABLE RESOURCE!

HOWEVER--

--THERE IS A PROFIT TO BE TURNED FROM THIS LITTLE "GLOBAL CATASTROPHE"!..

...AND I INTEND TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT!

MIGUEL O'HARA CEO

PLEASE IDENTIFY FOR RETINA SCAN... PROCESSING PATTERN...

CONFIRMED... YOU MAY ENTER, MIGUEL O'HARA...

NOT ONLY WAS THE PRICE I PAID FOR THAT RETINA-MORPH IMPLANT MONEY WELL-SPENT--

--BUT I'M ABOUT TO DOUBLE MY INVESTMENT-- WITH INTEREST--

--ALL THANKS TO MY "LOVING" SON, MIGUEL...

I SEE YOU RECEIVED OUR COMMUNIQUÉ, MR. STONE.

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO SEND IT, CAPTAIN PIKE.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COMPLICATIONS HERE ON MARS, SIR. WE WOULD HAVE REPORTED IN EARLIER--

--BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO RUN THE RISK OF MAKING OUR PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC--

COMPLICATIONS? WHAT KINDS OF COMPLICATIONS?

WE'RE NOT EXACTLY SURE, BUT THE COLONIAL POPULATION HAS DROPPED--

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DROPPED"?

DISAPPEARANCES, SIR. UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES...

THEN THERE'S MORE ROOM FOR ME, BESIDES--

--IF THE POLAR ICE CAPS CONTINUE MELTING AT THEIR CURRENT RATE--

--THIS PLANET WILL BE A GIANT PUDDLE BY WEEK'S END.

WHEN IS THE NEXT INTERPLANETARY TRANSPORT SCHEDULED TO DISEMBARK?

TOMORROW MORNING. 0900 HOURS.

YOU AND MR. O'HARA BETTER HURRY IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT...

DON'T YOU WORRY, CAPTAIN. I'LL BE THERE...

DOWNTOWN...

LUNGS... GONNA BURST. CAN'T TAKE... MORE... PUNISHMENT...

MUMMPHR!

C'MON, O'HARA-- IGNORE THE PAIN AND JUST SWIM, MAN--

--SWIM!

THWIP

ACTUALLY--

--PLANNED ON... DOGGIE PADDLING... AWAY FROM THIS ONE...

THERE IS NO ESCAPE, SPIDER-MAN--

--I KNOW YOU ALMOST AS WELL AS YOU KNOW YOURSELF--

FINALLY-- I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D LET GO!

GRRMBLMPH!

THIS IS THE ONE FIGHT YOU WON'T BE WALKING AWAY FROM, WALL-CRAWLER.

--AND I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN!

GAA-AAAH! AIR!!!

HOW-- GAK-- SWEET-- COUGH-- IT IS!

ANOTHER MINUTE MORE, AND--DESPITE MY EXPANDED LUNG CAPACITY--I WOULD'VE BEEN TOTALLY DEEP-SIXED!

ARRGH!!! FEELS LIKE I PUNCTURED A LUNG...

Y'KNOW, IF BATBOY DIDN'T WAIT UNTIL HIS DINNER WENT DOWN BEFORE ENTERING THIS GIANT POOL WE CALL "DOWNTOWN"--

--THEN MAYBE HE'S SUFFERIN' MAAAJOR CRAMP-AGE RIGHT ABOUT NOW--

--AND I CAN GET BACK TO FATHER JENNIFER...

YEAH, RIGHT. LIKE I SHOULD EVER BE SO LUCKY.

DON'T YOU SEE? I CAN KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY, MIGUEL O'HARA!

I'M BIGGER THAN YOU!

I'M STRONGER THAN YOU! BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE--

SPLASH

--I'M SMARTER THAN YOU! ALWAYS HAVE BEEN--ALWAYS WILL BE!

NICE TO SEE YOU'RE NOT SUFFERING FROM ANY DEBILITATING NEUROSES, GOBLIN...

"ALWAYS HAVE BEEN--ALWAYS WILL BE"? I DON'T KNOW THIS GUY FROM ADAM--

--BUT HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHO I AM! HE KNOWS MIGUEL O'HARA AND SPIDER-MAN ARE ONE AND THE SAME!

OY--THIS IS BAD... VERRY BAD...

I KNOW WHAT *PHANTOMS* HAUNT YOUR DREAMS--WHAT *SECRETS* ARE BURIED IN THE DARKEST DEPTHS OF YOUR CONSCIENCE!

ALL IT TAKES FOR ME TO EXPOSE YOU FOR THE JUDAS YOU ARE--FOR *EVERYONE* IN NUEVA YORK TO SEE--

--IS THIS!!!

ZARK

ONE SHOT FROM GOBLIN'S BLASTS, AND I'LL SYSTEMS--CRASH LIKE A CYBERJOCK ON A BAD VR-TRIP!

I'D BETTER SEE HOW MUCH DISTANCE I CAN PUT BETWEEN US--JUST TO BE SAFE.

THERE IS *NO* ESCAPE!

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH--"NO ESCAPE..." YADDA YADDA YADDA...

HEY--DON'T'CHA THINK IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE AT LEAST *TWO* *MENACING QUIPS* IN YOUR "THREATEN THE HERO" REPERTOIRE?

I MEAN, YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO SIC THE *SUPER-VILLAIN TEAMSTERS* ON YOU, NOW WOULD YOU?

CRACK WISE ALL YOU WANT, O'HARA--

--BUT THE "HEALING POWER OF LAUGHTER" AIN'T GONNA DO *SHOCK* FOR YOU IF YOU'RE DEAD!

THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY TO *SHAKE* THIS GUY. HE'S *TOO CALM, TOO COLLECTED.*

HE *THINKS* HE HAS THE *ADVANTAGE* JUST BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHO I AM UNDER THE MASK.

WELL, THEN I GUESS THE LOGICAL WAY TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD IS TO FIND OUT WHO *HE* IS AND TAKE THAT ADVANTAGE AWAY FROM HIM.

OH, THAT'LL BE A REEEAAL *CAKEWALK*...

YOUR TRICKS AREN'T GOING TO SAVE YOU, O'HARA-- I KNOW YOUR EVERY MOVE!

WHOOUULF!

WHACK

YOU WANT ME TO THINK YOU'VE LOST YOUR BALANCE AND FALLEN OFF THE ROOF--

--WHEN ALL YOU'VE *REALLY* DONE IS LEAP DOWN ONTO ANOTHER LEDGE!

WRONG-O, GOB-STER! THE "JUMP-UP-FROM-THE LEDGE-AND-KICK-GOBLIN'S-BUTT" MOVE WAS SOOOO **2098!**

THIS YEAR, I'VE GOT A *BRAND NEW* SET OF MOVES GUARANTEED TO KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR FEET!

I CALL THIS ONE THE "STICK-TO-THE-BUILDING-AND-KICK-GOBLIN'S-BUTT" MOVE!

THERE IS A *DISTINCTION*, Y'KNOW.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY *FELL* FOR THAT! TALK ABOUT *COCKY!*

UHHNNFFF!

CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY FELL FOR THAT! I'M GETTING *WAAAY* TOO *COCKY!*

GOTTA KEEP IT TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE LONGER-- I'VE ALMOST GOT HIM.

THUD

WELL, NOW-- LET'S JUST TAKE OFF THAT MASK OF YOURS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN SEE...

NO! HE CAN'T SEE ME LIKE *THIS!* NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE...!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF ME!!!

KERAK

OOOOF!

SHOCK! I WAS SO CLOSE!

NOW DO YOU SEE? NOT ONLY AM I YOUR EQUAL--

--BUT I'M BETTER THAN YOU, MIGUEL O'HARA. BETTER THAN YOU--

--AND BETTER THAN SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH THIS NUTCASE?

WHY'S HE BEING SO COMPETITIVE WITH ME AND MY ALTER EGO?

TALK ABOUT AN OVERDEVELOPED SENSE OF INSECURITY--

--HEL-LOOO... WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

A BROKEN MIRROR! HMMN...

MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE'S BAD LUCK CAN TURN OUT GOOD FOR YOURS TRULY!

SHAZAK

YOU'RE GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT, SPIDEY. AND THIS TIME--

--YOU'RE NEVER GETTING UP!!!

IN-CORRECTA-MUNDO AGAIN, O GHOULISH ONE!

HAVING BEEN ON THE RECEIVING END OF GOBLIN'S POWERS BEFORE--*

--I KNOW HIS BLASTS CAUSE NOT ONLY *INTENSE HALLUCINATORY EPISODES*-- SORT OF LIKE WHAT GABRI SHOWED ME THAT TIME WE WIRE-TRIPPED--**

--BUT ALSO AN ALMOST CRIPPLING SENSATION OF *FEAR*.

SHA-ZING

* SPIDER-MAN 2099 #40 & ** SPIDER-MAN 2099 #19-- MACMARK 5.1

NOOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!?

HAVE TO... FIGHT MY OWN POWER! OTHERWISE... HE'LL DISCOVER... THE *TRUTH*!

JUST PERFORMING A LITTLE *EXPERIMENT*, GRUESOME. TAKE A GUESS WHO'S THE *GUINEA PIG*.

UNLIKE *TRUE CYBER-SPACE*, WHERE THE ILLUSIONS ARE ALL EXPERIENCED *INTERNALLY*--

--GOBLIN-INDUCED VISIONS MANIFEST THEMSELVES EXTERNALLY.

MAYBE REDIRECTING THE BLAST BACK AT THE *SOURCE* WILL FORCE GOBLIN TO PLAY THE HAND HE'S HOLDING *SUBCONSCIOUSLY*--

--AND I CAN *FINALLY* GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS WHOLE "*SECRET IDENTITY*" FIASCO!

WELL, HERE GOES NOTHIN'...

aLL rIgHT, GobLiN--WhO ArE yOu?!?

HoW dO yOu KNoW WhO i aM?!?

BUT AS SPIDER-MAN'S QUESTIONS BECOME *WHITE NOISE* IN THE GOBLIN'S EARS...

THE TERRIBLE...

LOOK, HON--IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE HIM?

I MEAN, LOOK AT HIS BUTT--IT IS SOOO TIGHT!

...IMAGES OF ONE MAN'S MISERY TAKE SHAPE...

...AND THE TRUTH IS LAID BARE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

IF I EVER SEVERED THAT BOND, I'D JUST DIE.

OH, LIKE I'D FORGIVE HIM AND NOT YOU...

...TRAGIC...

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A LOT OF...ANGER... BOTTLED UP WHEN IT CAME TO MIGUEL. BUT I'VE MANAGED TO "BLOW SOME OFF" RECENTLY.

AND NOW I HAVE A CERTAIN DEGREE TO MAKE UP TO HIM. HE NEEDS ME...

...TRUTH...

YOU ALWAYS WERE EVERYONE'S FAVORITE. I'M NOTHING...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS. GABRIEL?! IS THAT YOU?!

I--I DON'T KNOW WH-WHAT TO SAY... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO D-DO...

HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH ALREADY?!?

YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY *EVERYTHING*--*EVERYONE*--THAT WAS EVER SPECIAL TO ME !!!

FIRST, DANA LEFT ME FOR *YOU*.

THEN, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH KASEY BOTTOMED OUT BECAUSE SHE WAS TOTALLY INFATUATED WITH *SPIDER-MAN*--TOTALLY INFATUATED WITH *YOU*!

AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF, *MAMA*--THE ONE WOMAN WHOSE LOVE I THOUGHT WOULD BE MINE ALONE, *FOREVER*--

--OUT-OF-THE-BLUE FORGIVES *YOU* AND ALL BUT ABANDONS ME, HER ONLY *REAL SON*!

SO, IF YOU'RE ALL DESPERATE TO MAKE THINGS UP TO ME--

--THEN JUST GET THE SHOCK OUT OF MY LIFE !!!

YEAH? WELL, YOUR "KID BROTHER" HAS BEEN PLAYING IN YOUR SHADOW LONG ENOUGH, MIGGY--

--NOW I'M PLAYING WITH *POWER*! MY POWER !!!

WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY NEXT COUPLE HUNDRED *QUESTIONS*--WHY DO YOU EVEN HAVE THESE POWERS? WHO GAVE THEM TO YOU?

SORRY, MIGUEL--I'M NOT GONNA MAKE THINGS *THAT EASY* FOR YOU. GO ASK *JENNY D'ANGELO* ALL ABOUT IT--

--IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE, THAT IS!

OOOOH, SHOCK...

SPLASH

I WAS SO UTTERLY *FLOORED* BY GABRI'S "CONFESSION"--

--THAT I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT FATHER JENNIFER!

GABRI, *WAIT*! YOU CAN'T JUST UP AND DISAPPEAR WITH THINGS LIKE *THIS* BETWEEN US!

WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER TELL ME HOW YOU FELT? YOU'RE MY *KID BROTHER*!

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I GONNA DO ABOUT *GABRI*?

WHAT IF THE TRANSFORMATION HE UNDERWENT HAS SOME NASTY *SIDE EFFECTS*?!

WHAT IF HIS BODY CAN'T HANDLE IT?!?

WHAT IF IT FAILS TO SYNTHESIZE THE *CHEMICALS*, OR THE *RADIATION*-- OR WHATEVER IT WAS-- THAT GAVE HIM ALL THOSE POWERS?!?!

CHILL, O'HARA-- GET A *GRIP* ON YOURSELF. YOU KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BROTHER--

--EVEN IF *HE* REFUSES TO BELIEVE IT.

JUST TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND...

HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT IF JENNIFER'S BEEN DOWN HERE FOR THIS LONG--

--IT'LL BE A *MIRACLE* IF SHE HASN'T DROWNED BY NOW!

NO TRACE OF HER AT THE ALTAR--

--MAYBE I'LL HAVE MORE LUCK NEAR THE PEWS...

*HOPING AGAINST ALL HOPE THAT HE'LL FIND THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY GAVE THE PEOPLE OF DOWNTOWN A **REASON** TO BELIEVE IN THEIR FUTURE...*

*...WHO GAVE HIM A REASON TO BELIEVE IN **HIMSELF**...*

... SPIDER-MAN STRAINS WITH ALL HIS MIGHT TO CLEAR AWAY THE RUINS OF THIS SACRED CATHEDRAL, ONLY TO CHAFE AGAINST THE SAD REALIZATION...

*...THAT IT MAY HAVE ALL BEEN FOR **NAUGHT**.*

NOPE. NADA-- SHE'S *GONE*.

UHHNNH!

WOUNDED LUNG'S...REALLY STARTING TO... SMART.

DON'T THINK... I CAN... HOLD MY *BREATH*...

DON'T WANNA... GIVE UP, BUT THERE'S... NO WAY... JENNIFER MADE IT... OUT ALIVE.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, FATHER-- I DID MY *BEST*.

MAN, I'M GONNA MISS HER...

BETTER CHALK THIS UP AS YET ANOTHER *BANNER* DAY IN THE LIFE OF MIGUEL O'HARA, *CHIEF EXECUTIVE IDIOT*...

AS PAINFUL AS IT MAY BE, I GUESS I OUGHTA LOOK ON THE *BRIGHT* SIDE OF THINGS.

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE TODAY COULD GET ANY WORSE NOW, COULD IT?

DEATH TO THE INFIDELS!

ATLANTIS SHALL RISE AGAIN!

ME AND MY BIG MOUTH...

NEXT MONTH:
AN ERA COMES TO AN END SO THAT A NEW ONE MAY BEGIN, WHEN STAN LEE PROUDLY PRESENTS... THE FINAL ISSUE OF SPIDER-MAN 2099!